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A. Liaison

The Wilmington Department of Police will maintain liaison with all criminal justice agencies, associated organizations, and referral agencies. Good communications will benefit all agencies concerned and promote efficient and effective law enforcement operations. This will be accomplished by the following: (CALEA 1.1.1)

Responsibility: The Chief of Police is ultimately responsible for initiating and maintaining relationships, liaison, and communications with other agencies and organizations. When necessary, the Chief of Police will designate personnel to act as a liaison officer with another agency. Examples of this are:

- The Court Liaison Officer is the liaison with Superior Court, Court of Common Pleas, Family Court and the Attorney General's office.
- The Human Resources Division Commander is the liaison with the Council on Police Training.

The designee will communicate relevant information through the chain of command to the Chief of Police. Agencies the Department communicates with on a regular basis include:

- Superior Court
- Family Court
- Attorney General's Office
- All other local Police Agencies
- The Division of Social Services
- Community Groups
- Probation and Parole

- Wilmington Fire Department & New Castle County EMS

The Department of Police will cooperate with all federal, state and local police agencies in any way possible. If there is a conflict concerning policy or procedures, it will be brought to the attention of the officer's supervisor. If the problem cannot be resolved by the immediate supervisor, the Chief of Police will be notified through the chain of command so that the Chief or designee can meet with the other department's representatives to find a solution.

The Department of Police will cooperate with the Wilmington Fire Department and other emergency medical services and will conduct periodic meetings to discuss issues or problems that may arise.

Officers encountering people in need of a service best provided by another criminal justice agency or a social service agency, should make every attempt to direct the individual(s) to the appropriate entity.

The following is a list of frequently used referral agencies:

- Family Court - (information and counseling)
- Delaware State Hospital - (mental health treatment)
- Terry Children's Psychiatric Center - (6 months to 12 years)
- Rape Crisis Center - (counseling, mental health treatment)
- Detoxification Center - (alcohol abuse, treatment center)
- Child Protective Services - (child abuse, neglect)
- Consumer Affairs - (consumer aid)
- Battered Wives Center - (shelter and aid)
- Division of Aging - (Adult Protective Services Program)
- Alcoholics Anonymous - (alcohol abuse)
- Sunday Breakfast Mission - (food and shelter)
- Salvation Army - (food and shelter)
- Crisis Intervention - (emergency counseling)

The Department participates in local criminal justice planning through its membership in the Delaware Criminal Justice Council. This council consists of the following members:

- Chair
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- President Judge of Superior Court
- Chief Judge of Family Court
- Chief Magistrate of the Justice of the Peace Courts
- Attorney General
- Public Defender
- Commissioner of the Department of Corrections
- Chief of the Bureau of Adult Corrections
- Director of the Division of Youth Rehabilitation

- Chairman of the Board of Parole
- Superintendent of the Delaware State Police
- Chief of the New Castle County Police
- Chief of the Wilmington Police Department
- Chairperson of the Delaware Police Chiefs' Council
- Chief Medical Examiner
- Secretary of Health and Social Services
- Secretary of Labor
- United States Attorney for the District of Delaware
- Secretary of Education
- Secretary of the Department of Technology and Information
- Chief Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
- Secretary of Public Safety
- Sitting Judge of the United States District Court for Delaware, designated by the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for Delaware
- Four at-large members who serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

The committee's purpose is to continuously study the administration of justice in the State of Delaware and develop and implement policies and programs for improving the effectiveness of the criminal justice system. It will receive, consider, and at its discretion, investigate criticism and suggestions pertaining to the administration of justice in Delaware.

It will submit to the General Assembly each January, a program of recommended legislation to improve the criminal justice system. The Council will recommend to the Governor, criminal justice agencies, courts of the State, or political sub-divisions thereof, either upon request or upon the Council's own motion, such changes in rules, organization or methods of operation as it may deem advisable. (See Title 11 § 8701-9).

The Traffic Division maintains liaison with Office of Highway Safety in order to exchange information and obtain grants for traffic-related programs, and will have a representative attend the DELDOT emergency planning meetings.